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IN RE APPLICATION OF

HIROFUMI MURATANI, ET AL. : EXAMINER: ABRISHAMKAR, K.

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FOR: ENCRYPTION APPARATUS, DECRYPTION APPARATUS, EXPANDED KEY GENERATING APPARATUS AND METHOD THEREFOR, AND RECORDING MEDIUM

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2005, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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